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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development (“EOHED”) under M.G.L. c. 43E, § 8, EOHED proposes to adopt a new regulation: *400 CMR 3.00, Expedited State Permitting*. The purpose of 400 CMR 3.00 *et. seq.* is to implement the provisions of the Expedited State Permitting Program created under M.G.L. c. 43E. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 3, notice is hereby given that EOHED is accepting public comments regarding the proposed regulation.

The Expedited State Permitting Program (the “Program”) promotes the expedited state permitting of commercial, industrial, and mixed-use projects on sites designated as a “Priority Development Site” under M.G.L. c. 43D and “Growth District” by EOHED. The program requires all state agencies, commissions, departments, and other state entities responsible for issuing permits for projects proposed on such sites to review and take final action on a permit application within a time period defined under M.G.L. c. 43E or else the permit is automatically granted. The program also encourages state permit issuing authorities to work together, wherever possible, to streamline the permit review process.

EOHED will hold a public hearing on the draft regulations on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 from 2:00PM-4:00PM at 1 Ashburton Place, 21st Floor, Conference Room 1. EOHED will also be accepting written public comments from Friday, May 27, 2011 through the close of business on Friday, June 17, 2011. During this period, interested persons will have the opportunity to present written comments, data, views, or arguments relative to the above proposed action. Written comments may be mailed to the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development ATTN: Permit Ombudsman, One Ashburton Place, Room 2101, Boston, MA 02108; by fax to 617-788-3605; or by e-mail to Victoria.maguire@state.ma.us.

A copy of the proposed regulation may be obtained on EOHED’s website at <http://www.mass.gov/mpro>, at EOHED’s office during regular business hours 9:00AM – 5:00PM, or by calling 617-788-3610.